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MEMORANDUM

March 17, 2021

To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “H.R. 51: Making D.C. the 51st State”

On Monday, March 22, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and over Webex, the Committee will hold a hearing on H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act. H.R. 51 was introduced by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton on January 4, 2021. The bill would admit the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth into the Union and reduce the size of the federal district. The bill has 214 cosponsors. In the 116th Congress, the House of Representatives passed an identical bill.¹

I. WITNESSES

The Honorable Muriel Bowser
Mayor
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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mr. Fitzroy Lee
Interim Chief Financial Officer
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¹ U.S. House of Representatives, Roll Call Vote on Passage of H.R. 51 (June 26, 2020) (232 yeas, 180 nays).

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